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Operation: Crack Down



Flat Top murder still a mystery

Detectives say leads few and far between in June shooting

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Authorities say progress is still slow in the investigation into the June shooting death of 49-year-old James "Ron" Tate. "We're narrowing down a field of suspects," Hancock County Sheriff's Department Lead Investigator Bob Lambert said yesterday, "but that's about all we have right now."

The biggest obstacle detectives face, Lambert said, is that if anyone knows anything, they aren't saying.

"Usually in a case like this," Lambert said, "people come forward with some kind of information. That hasn't happened here."

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Stennis air show off again

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The on-again, off-again Labor Day Air Show planned at Stennis International Airport is off again.

The Hancock County Port

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Officers of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department escort a husband and wife accused of dealing drugs to a holding area at the Hancock County Civic Center early Wednesday morning. The dual-arrest was part of Operation: Crack Down: a multi-agency effort to sweep low- and mid-level drug dealers off the streets. Below, Mississippi Highway Patrol Investigator Joel Wallace counsels a 17-year-old suspect netted in the county-wide arrest.



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Wed.	10:33 a.	10:18 p.	
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Area agencies target suspected drug dealers in morning raid

BY GEOFF BELCHER

News Editor
Law enforcement officers from several agencies rounded up dozens of drug suspects early yesterday as part of the county-wide "Operation: Crack Down" sweep.

Because of the incessant rain that plagued agents as they

made their arrests Wednesday morning, one officer joked, "they should have called it Operation: Soggy Bottom."

But the rain was just about the only problem investigators had. Wednesday, Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber said:

"Everything seems to be going pretty smooth," he said while the operation was still in progress. "We're working very well together."

Garber was at the Hancock County Civic Center, the base for the operation. Several agencies, including his department,

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Blood Drive

The Blood Center parked its mobile van on Main Street outside the Hancock County Courthouse Tuesday. County employees Cindy Fayard, left, and Jenell Tompkins, right, were among those assisted by nurse David Gauthier.

Edisto staff photo by Ed Lepoma



Firm wants judge to pull GM&R from school project

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A competing Mississippi construction firm has asked a St. Tammany Parish Court Judge to halt a school being built in Pearl River by GM&R Construction of Waveland.

Polk Construction Company of Columbia, Miss., is contending its bid of \$6,029,000 to build the 30-classroom school off Louisiana Hwy. 41 was the lowest bid received on the project. It has asked Judge Reginald

T. Badeaux III to issue an injunction to stop work on the new school until the issue is settled.

The St. Tammany Parish School Board awarded the contract to GM&R earlier this month, but Polk contends its bid was \$40,000 less after adjustments to the bid package.

The discrepancies stem from bid adjustments submitted by Polk and GM&R after they filled out initial

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MDEQ grants assist towns with waste tire troubles

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) offers grants to local governments and certain manufacturers to provide assistance or incentives for the cleanup, removal and recycling or disposal of waste and scrap tires.

Through these grants, local governments and manufacturers are provided with assistance and incentives to help alleviate the growing problem of solid waste management.

There are two waste-tire grant categories, said Charles Chisolm, MDEQ executive director. "One is designed for local governments that need assistance in waste tire collec-

tion and cleanup and the other is offered as an incentive program for manufacturers that will recycle or produce products from the waste tires."

To date, the Commission on Environmental Quality has awarded over \$6 million in grant funds to local governments.

These grants are awarded to counties throughout the state to assist them in providing collection and disposal services to persons with small quantities of scrap tires and to clean up small quantities of illegally dumped tires.

The Commission has also awarded over \$4 million in

grants to private companies, universities, and others to develop new products from waste tires.

MDEQ recently awarded two incentive recycling grants to companies in Jackson and Vicksburg that will manufacture products from waste tires.

Additional grants were awarded to Hinds County, Claiborne County and to the Northwest Rankin Athletic Association to conduct demonstration projects utilizing waste tire derived materials.

According to the Rubber Manufacturers Association, in 2000, the United States scrapped 273 million tires. In

Mississippi, there are approximately 2.75 million tires generated each year.

Approximately 65 percent of those tires are collected by companies that recycle them, about 30 percent are placed in legal landfills and 5 percent are being illegally dumped or stockpiled.

"Scrap tires are more than just an eyesore," said Chisolm. "If they are handled improperly they can be a serious threat to the environment, creating breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitoes. Burning them produces heavy smoke and toxic runoff to waterways, and piles of tires can be a home for pests like rats and snakes."

MDEQ has invested nearly \$2 million to remove and dispose of approximately 2.8 million tires from more than 75 sites throughout the state.

In the past year, MDEQ has spent approximately \$190,000 cleaning up nine illegal tire dumps in the state, removing roughly 150,000 waste tires from these sites for recycling and disposal.

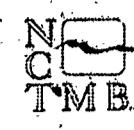
"We're hoping these grants help us achieve our goal, which is to stop adding waste tires to landfills next summer," said Chisolm.

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Pearl River graduation ceremony is Friday

Nearly 100 Pearl River Community College students will graduate Friday morning during commencement exercises on the Poplarville campus.

Eighty-seven vocational and technical students will receive their degrees in applied science and certificates of proficiency in the 10 a.m. ceremony in the Marvin R. White Coliseum.

Rickey F. DeFlanders of Laurel (Poplarville campus) will give the invocation, and Ryan Miles of Laurel (Hattiesburg campus) will give the benediction.

Following remarks by Dr. James C. Sones, dean of Vocational-Technical Affairs at PRCC, the speaker will be Chad Douget of Soso.

Dr. J. Cecil Burt, director of the Forrest County campus, will

present the roll call of associate degrees in applied science and certificates of proficiency.

One of those graduating Friday is Micheal Stanley, 23, of Purvis, who has been a student at PRCC off and on since 1995. Stanley will graduate with associate in applied science degrees in electronics technology, instrumentation technology and automated manufacturing technology.

"When I started school in 1995, I was in computer science, then I switched my major to electronics," said Stanley. "Once I completed the electronics program, I then decided I liked the instrumentation program. So I got into that area. About midway through that program, I took a class that was also required in automated manu-

facturing, so I got interested in that, too."

The bottom line for Stanley: "I decided I wanted to be more hands on inside the computer. It's an area that never gets old, because there is always something new going on. There's always changes. It's not like studying the same thing over and over again."

Stanley plans to move later this year to Cardele, Ga., with his parents, Barbara and Charles Stanley, and where his sister, Brandy Reid - a PRCC graduate - lives. There he plans to search for a job, while also pursuing a higher ambition.

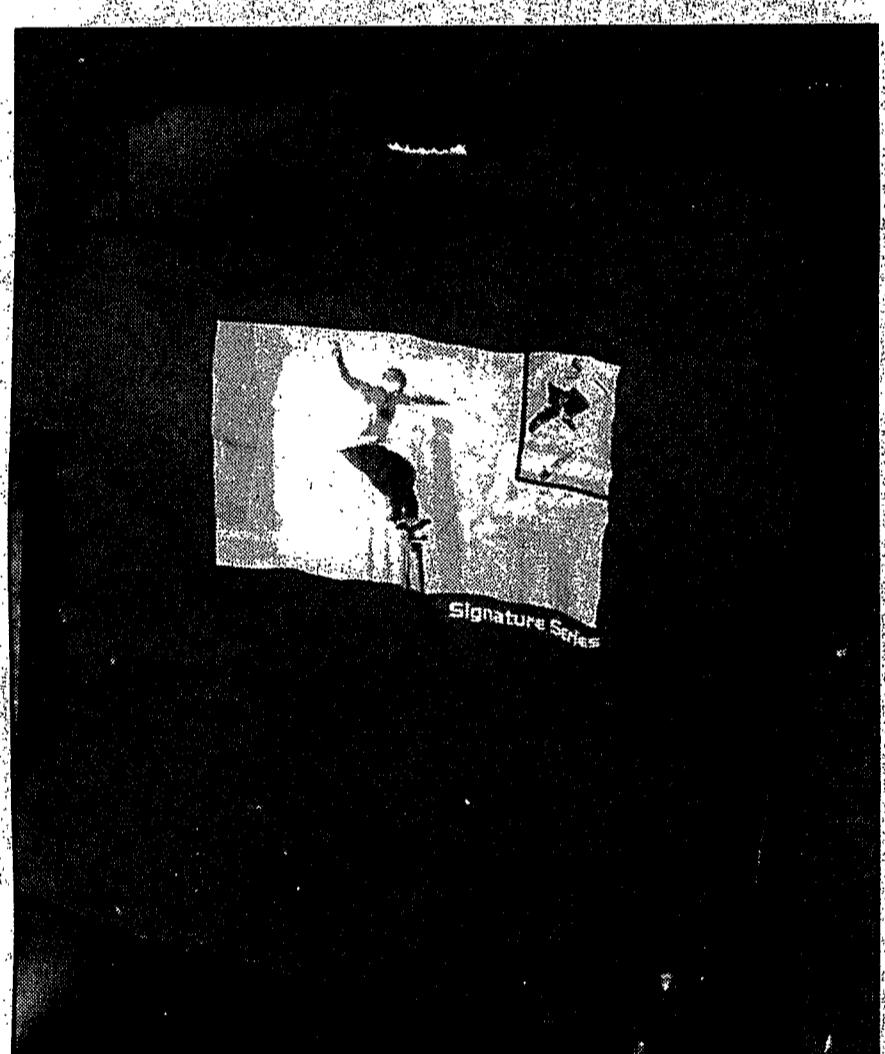
"I am trying to start a little software company," he said.

"Hopefully, it will turn into a big company. I enjoy working with computers. I have been working with them since I was 4 years old. I love computers, but they don't rule my life. If somebody needs a computer fixed, they call me, and I can fix it."

PRCC will also pin 10 practical nursing students in a formal ceremony at 1 p.m. Friday in Moody Hall Auditorium.

Those students include Ruby Berry and Forest Green of Bassfield, Nikima Hart and Michelle Wilkins of Poplarville, Kimika Bowen, Yvette Burton and Tasha Grady of Picayune, and Patrina Harvey, Yolanda Jefferson and Collete Sibley, all of Columbia.

Have you seen this T-shirt?



If you have, please call Investigator Rita Blalze-Watson at the Hancock County Sheriff's Department immediately. Authorities believe it was left behind by one of the vandals at the Scott Dembowski Memorial Soccer Complex back behind the Hancock County Civic Center. Despite security measures, the facility has been repeatedly vandalized, causing thousands of dollars in damage. The sheriff's department is looking for any information available. Call 467-5101.

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Pass shows off new fire truck at special meeting

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A new, sparkling white fire truck greeted the Pass Christian Board of Aldermen and citizens Tuesday night as they arrived for a special meeting at city hall.

Fire Chief Rich Marvil was smiling broadly, and showing off the city's latest weapon in its efforts to make the city a little safer.

At its July 17 meeting, the Pass Board of Aldermen voted 4-1 to enter into a lease-purchase agreement with Trustmark National Bank for \$269,950 to purchase the new fire truck. Under the terms, the city put \$50,000 down and will make annual payments of \$28,401 over a 10-year period. The record showed Ward 3 Alderman Michael Antoine voted against the purchase.

The truck, manufactured by Emergency One of Ocala, Florida, was acquired and outfitted at Sunbelt Fire Apparatus, a distributor located in Fairhope, Alabama.

"The unit is a state-of-the-art vehicle," Marvil said. "It is equipped with the latest and most modern fire-fighting features available for use today."

The city now has two fire trucks and a reserve truck, and the Fire Department now has a full-time force of 18 firemen, plus reserve firemen, Marvil



Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma

Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald, left, and Fire Chief Rich Marvil are all smiles as they shake hands to signal the delivery of the city's new \$270,000 fire truck.

said.

The new truck is a 1,250-gallon-per-minute triple combination pumper with a 750-gallon large capacity tank and piped-in deluge monitor. In addition, it has top-mounted pump controls.

The truck is powered with a heavy-duty Cummins 350-horsepower engine and an Allison automatic transmission.

The emergency one Custom Cycle II tilt chassis is equipped with an enclosed four-door cab, which will protect six firemen who are belted in jump seats.

Marvil said the apparatus body is made of aluminum, which will eliminate damage from rust and should extend the life of the expensive vehicle.

Pass aldermen let Harbor wall pact

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

As expected, Pass Christian has awarded a contract to replace the collapsing east wall at the Municipal Harbor to GM&R Construction of Waveland.

Mayor Billy McDonald and the Board of Aldermen met in a brief special session Tuesday night, and accepted the recommendation of John Campton, the city's consulting engineer with Garner Russell and Associates.

GM&R was one of six bidders on the project, and Campton reported its base bid of \$1,185,568 was well within the money available for the project. Bids ranged from the low submitted by GM&R to a high of \$2,429,525. Campton said he has confidence in GM&R, which has also completed the extension of Pier C at the harbor and

has been involved in other construction projects in Long Beach and at the Stennis Space Center.

The city is using a combination of state grants and Tidelands funds to complete the rehabilitation project without using any city money.

McDonald reminded Campton that the work must begin by Sept. 22 or the state would withdraw some of its funding, and Campton said he would advise GM&R officials of that deadline.

The project is expected to take nine months to complete, and McDonald said commercial tenants and recreational and commercial fishermen using the Municipal Harbor will be notified when work begins.

"There will be some inconvenience," said McDonald. "But, in the long run, it's going to be worth it."

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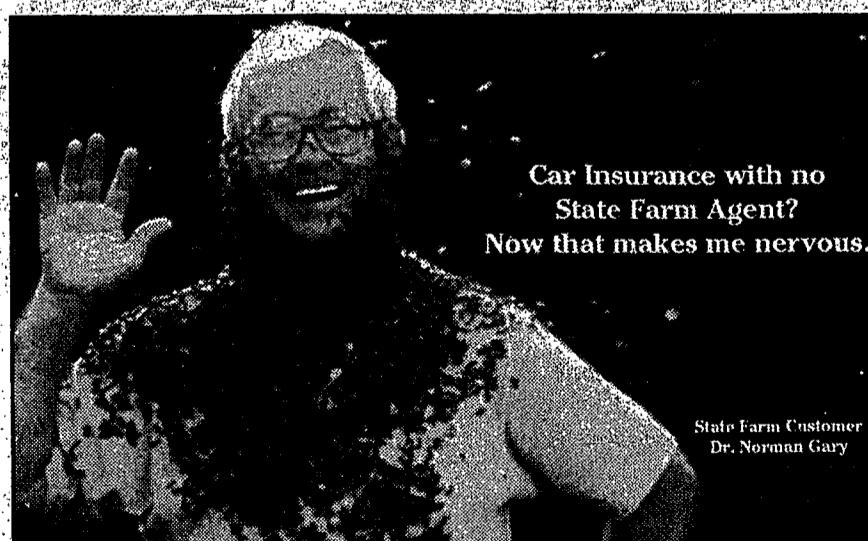
paperwork, but before the bids were officially opened July 10.

The records show initially GM&R submitted a bid of \$5,868,000 but later asked school officials to add another \$200,000 to that price. Polk submitted a bid of \$6,039,000 but then cut its price by \$9,100.

Polk attorney Bruce Shreve said last-minute changes on public construction projects are not unusual, and they usually involve price. Subcontractors might charge for a portion of the job. He said the bid process allows for adjustments as long as they are made before the

bids are officially opened.

No hearing date has been set on the injunction request, and school officials said their primary concern is that the school will be ready for the 2002-2003 school year. It will house about 500 sixth to eighth-graders. Polk is asking to either be awarded the contract or damages equal to the profit the company would have made on the project. GM&R, owned by Henry Martinez, was the firm selected to build Hancock County's new Middle School off Stennis Parkway and the new elementary off the Kilm-Delisle Road.



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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Saturday is going to be great day for young anglers, as it will mark the 17th Gulf Coast Sportsman Club's Kids Fishing Rodeo.

Fishing will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the rodeo is free and open to boys and girls ages 13 and under. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday and is free and required before contestants begin to fish. The headquarters for the kids fishing rodeo is at Pavilion No. 1 at Buccaneer State Park, Beach Boulevard, Waveland.

This is a fun time for young anglers, and the Gulf Coast Sportsman Club members will handle the scales, and the weighmaster's decisions are final.

In the freshwater division prizes will be awarded for the largest green trout (bass) and perch.

In the saltwater division prizes will be awarded for the largest speckled trout, redfish, white trout, croaker, flounder, ground mullet, and largest fish.

As a safety precaution, the Sportsman Club will not accept any catfish or stingrays. Also, no undersized fish will be accepted, and the scales will close at 4 p.m.

Each participant will receive a free hot dog and coke.

A king fisherman and queen fisherette will be selected from ages 8-13. There will be a special crab division for ages six and under.

All fish must be caught by the participants on the day of the rodeo in any waters in the area from piers, shoreline, boats or wading. Trophies will be given for first, second and third in each category, and drawings will be held for a large number of prizes.

Many of the prizes have been donated to the Sportsman's Club by local merchants.

The kids fishing rodeo will be a good time for dads and moms to take their youngsters fishing and have a good time.

By the way, I have been told there will not be any fee charged for the rodeo participants to use the Garfield Ladner Memorial Pier during

the rodeo on Saturday.

Our City-County Library System is always seeking very interesting items to display for the general public.

During the month of July, the barnyard collection of cows, owned by Emma Mittelstaedt, are on display at the Kiln Library. If you have not been in to view this display, you only have a few days to do so.

Mittelstaedt has a collection of barnyard animals, but cows are her favorites. She has been collecting for some 40 years.

I plan on going to the library myself to view the barnyard collection, as I can remember the days on occasion milking a Jersey cow owned by a neighbor when she was unable to do so.

I feel the display would be a good educational tool for youngsters, so parents may want to take them to see the display.

Classes for the past school year ended only a few weeks ago and beginning Monday, students will be registering in the Bay-Waveland School District at the school to which they are assigned.

Registration will be from July 30 through August 3, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with staff available on Thursday evening, August 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On August 10, school bells will be ringing for Bay-Waveland students for the 2001-2002 school year. School summer vacation is getting shorter and shorter each year. It will not be long before school will be continuous with just a week or two break.

Of course there are countries where school is year round.

Students who do not know which school they are to attend should call the central office at 467-6621.

Each new student must bring immunization from the Health Department or local physician, a copy of their birth certificate, Social Security number, a report card or other record or grade placement. New students enrolling in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland Schools will not be permitted to register unless residency has been verified.

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Battle of North Miss. versus South Miss. still rages, and Fleming is its latest victim

Have we reverted to the bad old Bilbo days when college presidents in Mississippi were toppled like

dominoes on political whim and professors run off pell-mell?

What happened last Thursday at the state College Board frighteningly smells like Bilbo revisited.

When University of Southern Mississippi president Horace Fleming walked into the board meeting, he had no idea he would be leaving an hour or so later with his decapitated head in his hands.

"The suddenness of it what stunned me," Dr. Fleming told me the following day.

Evidently the College Board

was rather pleased with what they had done: giving Fleming a one-year extension of his contract. He promptly declined it and quit.

"We felt we were giving him a year to right the ship," a board member told me, adding that the unsteadiness of the ship (read USM) was over Fleming's undefined "management style" flaws.

The board's idea of leaving Fleming twisting in the wind for a year seems to be the Hospitality State's modern version of walking the plank a la Captain Bligh.

If Fleming's management style had needed correcting, sans using the guillotine treatment, the board should have told Fleming to shape up a long time ago, being

Board spokesmen are playing

down the significance of the

as he had been USM president five years.

No doubt the board's summary execution of Fleming as USM

head has sent shivers down the

spines of other university presidents, making them wonder if

the College Board is looking over their shoulders at their

day-to-day handling of college

affairs.

After all, when the "blue ribbon" College Board was first

created, and put into the state

constitution in 1944, the sole

objective was to insult college

presidents and faculty members

from political interference.

While the Fleming affair

can't be called outright political

interference insofar as the

Musgrove Administration is

concerned, it is something

worse. Death by a new disease

spread by e-mail and fax from

zealots with which board mem-

bers were bombarded.

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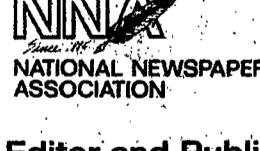
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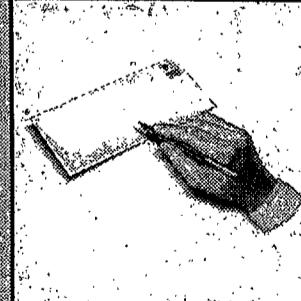
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Who should pay appeal fees? Certainly not the taxpayers

To the Editor:

Edna Byrd wrote you to complain about appeal fees recently imposed by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors in zoning matters.

I'm afraid that Ms. Byrd and many other county residents don't understand that in the past, taxpayers - you and I - footed the bill for these appeals, whether or not they had any personal interest in the outcome.

Here's how the process works: Zoning matters go first to the Hancock County Planning Commission, which presents its recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for its acceptance or rejection.

A person or business involved in the matter and dissatisfied with the outcome may ask for a public hearing, which by law, requires that a court reporter be hired to record the hearing.

If appealed to Circuit Court,

a judge makes the final ruling on the issue based on the record of the public hearing, which must be transcribed - another cost.

The appeals fee is intended to cover these costs. If the aggrieved party who posts the fee wins his case, the fee is refunded.

If the costs of appeal are less than the amount set by the supervisors, any overpayment is refunded.

That seems fair.

Compare this situation to a private land dispute. John Brown sues Joe Smith. Brown loses.

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Resident opposed to new beach road proposed lights

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Local microbiologist calls for new water safety tests

Distinguishing safe from contaminated water is becoming risky business, according to a local microbiologist and University of Southern Mississippi research administrator.

Dr. D. Jay Grimes, co-author of a recent national report on microbial water quality and dean of the USM College of Marine Sciences (COMS), said detection methods have become outdated at a time when the risks to water supplies appear to be increasing.

The report summarizes the findings and recommendations from a panel of experts that

Grimes and co-author Joan Rose of the University of South Florida convened in March of 2000 through the sponsorship of the American Academy of Microbiology.

In preparation for crafting recommendations for the future, they looked at the current state of water quality and detection practices, assessed progress since the Academy first addressed the subject five years ago and explored new technologies.

Their conclusion, published in June, is that advances in microbiology and biotechnology can make detection of harmful

microbes and contaminated water faster and more accurately than ever before.

Recommendations call for application of existing new technologies to develop direct molecular tests for use in the environment.

"Using these new molecular tools is the key to strong early warning systems and more reliable diagnostics," Grimes said.

"It will also provide the avenue to better treatment and cleanup of microbial pathogens that occur in water and foods and threaten public health and economies."

Accepted methods for detect-

ing unsafe water currently depend on 100-year-old technology to detect and count indicator bacteria.

The standard tests can show the presence of fecal contamination but cannot pinpoint the source of contamination, detect disease-causing viruses, or identify naturally occurring pathogenic bacteria or parasites.

The report, "Reevaluation of Microbial Water Quality: Powerful New Tools for Detection and Risk Assessment," outlines techniques that stand to replace outdated methods.

The new tools such as gene probes, genotyping, microarrays, antibody and PCR (polymerase chain reaction) can aid in detecting and identifying harmful microbes and can confront emerging problems such as antibiotic-resistant bacteria and the geographic spread of disease-causing microbes through increased globalization.

Other specific recommendations focus on risk assessment, data collection, research collaboration, and evaluation and development of best practices.

To view the report on the World Wide Web, go to www.asmusa.org and click on the report title under the "June"

listings.

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The Mississippi Association of County Democratic Chairpersons will conduct a workshop on parliamentary procedure and party rules Saturday, July 28, beginning at 10 a.m. in Jackson City Hall.

Topics will include basic and advanced parliamentary procedure, party structure and functions, the state party constitu-

tion, and the party in state law. Sessions on each topic will repeat throughout the day. Experienced presenters from the office of the Secretary of State, along with current and former members of the Democratic local, state and national committees, will lead the discussions on the various topics. There is no fee for par-

ticipation, and the workshop is open to all interested Democrats. For registration information, contact Rickey Cole at (601) 882-8458 or rcole@c-gate.net.

The workshop will be followed by the 20th annual Jefferson Jackson Day Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza hotel. Call (601) 969-2913.

Eyes -- Minor

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A \$100 million USM capital endowment campaign, which Fleming just announced publicly in April, was already over half way to topping out. (One petty rap against him bandied about the College Board was that he had missed an appointment with a big-shot potential giver.)

He admits he may have "stepped on some toes" on the College Board for being so outspoken when he had to whack \$12 million the past 18 months out of an already lean USM operating budget, after state funding for institutions fell short. Noticeably, other university heads' complaints were barely above a whisper.

Plus, he had pushed hard to expand USM to a four-year university on the Gulf Coast, at a

time when the college board had grown lukewarm on the idea.

Perhaps at the heart of the College Board feeling uncomfortable with Fleming was his strong advocacy that the board adopt a more equitable funding formula recognizing USM's productivity that would give the South Mississippi institution a better break in distributing higher education money.

Although it's unspoken, the board still views USM as a new kid on the block that is dominated by the two North Mississippi heavyweights, Ole Miss and Mississippi State. Enrollment-wise USM is in second place, barely a few hundred students behind Mississippi State and a couple thousand ahead of Ole Miss.

The battle of North Mississippi versus South Mississippi still rages, and Horace Fleming is its latest victim.

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fied through proper documentation.

Best of luck to all students and parents, too, for the coming school year.

This morning from 8 to 9, the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association's monthly meeting will be held at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Special speaker will be Sue Chamberlain, Hancock County's Smart Growth coordinator. She will address the *Gateway* projects for the coun-

ty.

The groundwork for the *Gateway* project has been underway for several years and is coming closer to a reality.

This evening from 5 to 7 the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association's *Business After Hours* for July will be sponsored by Advantage Title Co. and Manuel Allstate Insurance Company, at 5407 Indian Hill Boulevard in Diamondhead.

The *After Hours* are for association members and guests.

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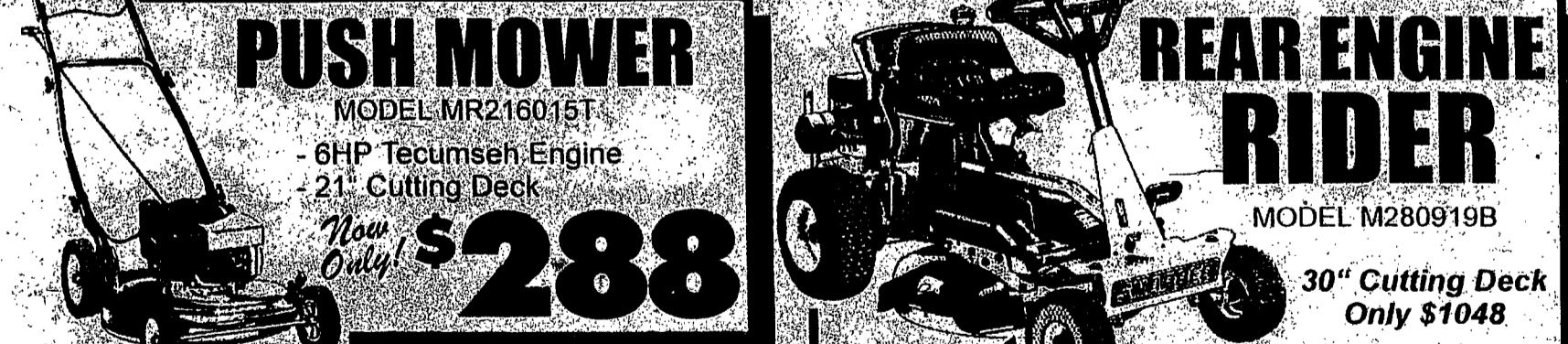
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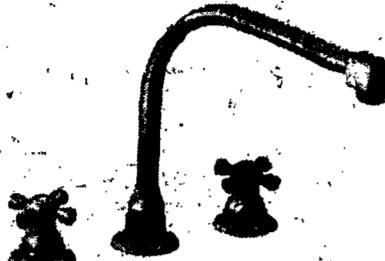
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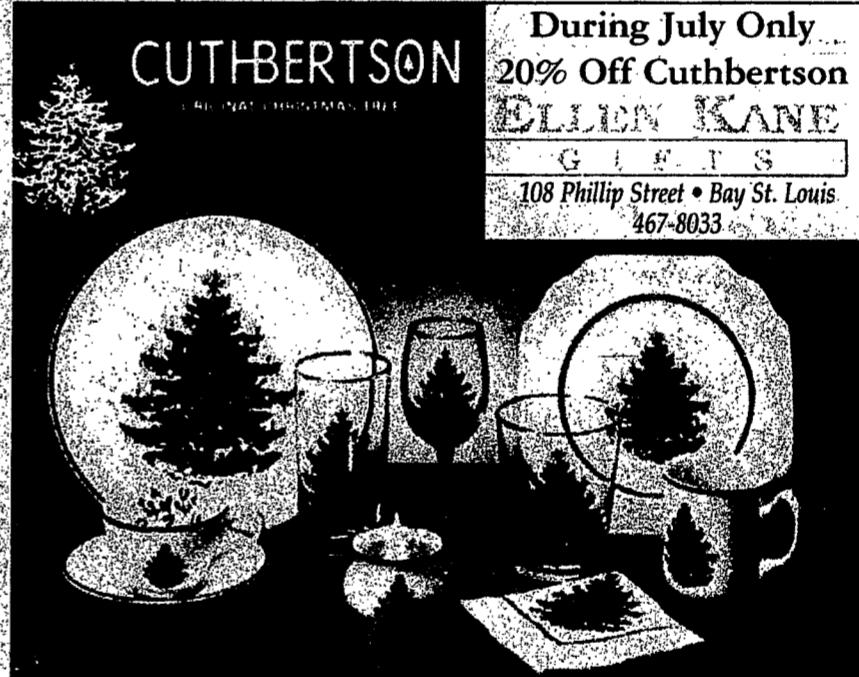
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LOIS BIGGERSTAFF

Lois Marie Biggerstaff, 71, of Long Beach, died Tuesday, July 24, 2001, in Gulfport.

Ms. Biggerstaff was a native and lifelong resident of the Gulf Coast, a Pass Christian High School graduate, and a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach. She was a telephone supervisor for Sears & Roebuck for 22 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, D. W. Biggerstaff, two brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include son Darrell Biggerstaff; daughters Deborah Ahrens, Emily Grimes, Cheryl Kilpatrick, all of Long Beach; a sister, Venolia Dubuisson of DeLisle; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a long-time companion, Jewel Bourn of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation will be today, July 26 at noon at Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach followed by services at 1 p.m. in the funeral home chapel and burial in Gulf Pines Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Long Beach.

The family prefers memorials to the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, 16 Northtown Drive, Suite 100, Jackson, MS 39211.

LOUIS S. HILL

Louis S. Hill, 79, of Kiln, died Sunday, July 22, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Hill was retired from the Merchant Marine after 30 years of service. He was a native of Boston, Mass., and a resident of the Coast for 21 years. He was a member of the AFL-CIO and was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by a son, Steven Hill; and his parents, William Hill and Margaret Sothoron Hill.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Hill of Kiln; daughters Michael Ann Ford and Margaret E. Hill, both of Baltimore, Md.; Sandra Estep of Miami, Fla.

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Love and We Miss You, Wife, Children, Grand Children, and Great Grand Children.

and Katherine Evelyn Vance of New Jersey; stepdaughter Tina Marie Henness of Bay St. Louis; and son Sothoron Edward Hill of Baltimore.

A memorial service will be conducted today, July 26 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis where friends may call one hour prior to services.

IDA BUEHLER

Ida May Catherine Buehler, 79, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, July 21, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Ms. Buehler was born Jan. 20, 1922 and was a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Frank and Pearl Fayard Buehler; brothers Edmond, Joseph Buehler and Warren "Buck" Buehler; and sisters Shirley Marie Buehler and Margie Rose Buehler.

Survivors include her sister, Martha Buehler Rutherford of Bay St. Louis; and nieces and nephews Martha Ann Rutherford Pair of Philadelphia, David Joseph Rutherford of DeLisle, Sue Buehler Fayard of River Ridge, La., Larry Buehler of Bay St. Louis, Karen Buehler Smith of New Orleans and Andy Buehler of Bay St. Louis; great-nephews Thomas Jennings Jr. of Bay St. Louis and David Marc Rutherford of DeLisle; and great-niece and nephew Ashlyn and Cortland Jennings of Bay St. Louis.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery.

Riemann Funeral home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

HERMAN LEONARD

Herman Joseph Jude Leonard, 71, of Pass Christian, died Saturday, July 21, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Leonard was retired from American Airlines and the Transport Workers Union where he was an international vice-president. During his career, Mr. Leonard was based at Tulsa, Dallas-Fort Worth, New York and New Orleans. He was instrumental in labor contract negotiations and improving benefits and the quality of work life for members of the Transport Workers Union.

He was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian and served as president.

ELEANOR VANCE

Eleanor R. Vance, 77, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, July 22, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Vance was born in Austinburg, Ohio, and had lived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the past 22 years. After graduation from Jefferson Davis Community College in Gulfport

dent of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret M. Leonard of Pass Christian; daughters Andrea Stone of Tulsa and Leila Naughton of Arlington, Texas; a stepdaughter, Michelle Ong of Diamondhead; a son, Curtis Leonard of Midland, Texas; five sisters, Sr. Lucie Leonard O. Carm and Sr. Anne Leonard O. Carm, both of New Orleans, Cecilia Richard and Miriam Esteve, both of Thibodaux, and Lorraine Folsom of Houma; a brother, Gerard Leonard of Lockport, La. and nine grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian followed by burial in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

The family prefers memorials to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, 140 East Beach Blvd., Pass Christian, MS 39571 or the Hospice of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, P. O. Box 1810, Gulfport, MS 39502.

Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

QUE TRAN
 Que Tran, 93, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, July 22, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Tran was a native of Vietnam and a resident of Pass Christian for 20 years. He was a fisherman and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by a son, Thuan Tran; a daughter, Thanh-Van Tran; and his parents, Nho Tran and Nhuong Thi Nguyen.

Survivors include his wife, Sach Thi Ho Tran; a son, Nhan Tran, both of Pass Christian; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. today and Friday and after 8 a.m. Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian.

A procession will then leave the funeral home at 9:50 for a 10 a.m. service at St. Paul Catholic Church followed by burial in St. Paul Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Scott Alan Willard; a daughter, Robin Faye Willard, both of Colorado; his mother, Terry Rachuba; a brother, David E. Willard; and a sister, Susan G. Willard, all of Pass Christian.

Graveside services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Biloxi National Cemetery directed by Riemann Funeral Home, 24th Avenue, Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 417 Security Square, Gulfport, MS 39507.

CALVIN WILLARD

Calvin A. "Wildman" Willard, 55, of Pass Christian, died Friday, July 20, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Willard was a native of Bismarck, N.D., and a longtime resident of the Coast. He attended school in Pass Christian and was self-employed as a carpenter and fisherman. He was a Lutheran.

Survivors include a son, Scott Alan Willard; a daughter, Robin Faye Willard, both of Colorado; his mother, Terry Rachuba; a brother, David E. Willard; and a sister, Susan G. Willard, all of Pass Christian.

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Mrs. Vance was born in Austinburg, Ohio, and had lived on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the past 22 years. After graduation from Jefferson Davis Community College in Gulfport

as a licensed practical nurse. Mrs. Vance worked at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport and later retired from Gulfport Urology Clinic.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mildred Faerber; her husband, Dean R. Vance; a daughter, Eleanor Vance; a granddaughter, Krystal Rose Horkey; two brothers, Charles Faerber and George "Bud" Faerber; and two sisters, Dorothy "Dodi" Pettibone and Mary Catherine Reid.

Survivors include nine children and their spouses, Duane and Judy Vance of McDonough,

Georgia; Jeanne and Raymond Weppl of Franklin, Minn.

Dianne and Ted Pancher of Canfield, Ohio; Vicki and Kevin Hull of Phoenix, Ariz., David and Glinda Vance of Mooreville, Miss.

Patti and David Carver of Diamondhead, Dan and Cindy Vance of Willoughby, Ohio.

Deanna and Danny Ray Davis of Janice, Miss. and Nancy and Todd Horkey of Strum, Wis.

and a brother, William "Bill" Faerber of Meridian, Miss.; 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday evening at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, Hwy. 49 North, Gulfport. Services will be conducted today, July 26, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Beulah Cemetery in Saucier.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 417 Security Square, Gulfport, MS 39507.

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Whitney National Bank has introduced Whitney BillPay. This new feature of whitneybank.com takes the hassle out of paying bills by letting customers receive, review and pay bills online.

The new service offers greater convenience to customers by providing anytime, anywhere access to receive and pay their bills.

Whitney BillPay customers also can simplify their financial lives by consolidating their bills and payment information at a single, secure and trusted online location.

"Whitney customers can now set their own banking hours thanks to the features available on whitneybank.com," explains Edward J. Valentine, vice presi-

dent and alternate delivery manager.

BillPay is an option that our customers have been waiting for. Besides being fast and easy to use, it's also a secure way to receive bills electronically and keep track of bill history in a central location on the Web."

Available free for the first three months, Whitney BillPay is offered on two tiers: \$5.95 per month for 15 transactions, or \$9.95 per month for 25 transac-

Customers can set up automatic, recurring payments up to one year in advance, and unlike automatic debit programs, Whitney BillPay allows customers some flexibility to change, reschedule or stop electronic payment up until processing on such payment has

begun, usually four days before.

In addition, customers can make one-time payments to anyone including merchants or individuals.

Whitney BillPay customers can also elect to receive electronic bills or "e-bills" from well-known companies such as BellSouth, Entergy, CLECO, AT&T, Sprint Long Distance, Worldcom, Sears, Lowes, Chevron, Texaco, as well as other leading national and regional companies.

Supplying the technology behind Whitney BillPay is CheckFree Corporation (NASDAQ: CKFR), the leading provider of financial electronic commerce services and products.

Founded in 1981 and celebrating its 20th year in e-commerce, CheckFree launched the

first fully integrated electronic billing and payment solution in 1997. Today, CheckFree enables 4.8 million consumers to receive and pay bills electronically.

The launch of Whitney Online in December 2000, aided by Whitney spokesperson Chef Emeril Lagasse, was a huge success, with over 30,000 customers signing up within five months.

Other online services on whitneybank.com include Whitney Online, WEBLink, a Treasury Management Information Reporting system for businesses, Trust Online, a service for Whitney Investment and Trust clients, job opportunities, updated financial information and details about Whitney products and services.

Achary named bank treasurer



Michael Achary

Hancock Holding Company Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel announced that company controller Michael M. Achary has been named Hancock Holding Company treasurer.

With this promotion, Achary adds asset liability management to his traditional controller responsibilities.

Asset liability management entails two major focuses: interest rate risk – the risk that net interest income will rise or fall due to changes in market interest rates – and corporate investing and funding, or balance sheet management.

Schloegel said Achary's professional background prepares the New Orleans native well for this new assignment.

"Michael Achary came to our Hancock team with exceptional

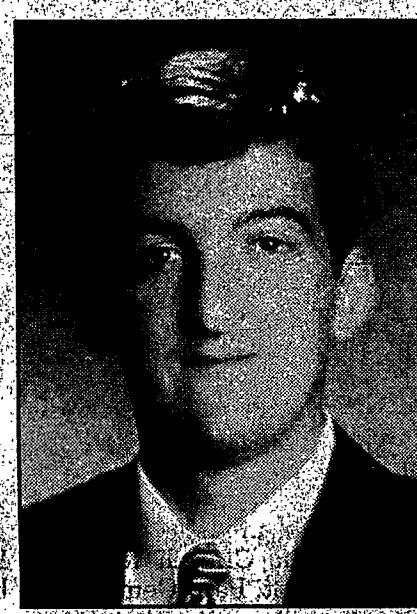
experience. We believe this opportunity for him will benefit our entire organization," said Schloegel.

Achary, who joined Hancock in summer 2000, served as a senior vice president at a New Orleans based bank and as chief financial officer for a New Orleans law firm.

A certified public accountant, Achary received both a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a master of business administration degree from the University of New Orleans.

Achary is also a graduate of the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Former Bay resident is Ark. Republican of Year



Mike Maggio

Mike Maggio, who turned 40 in June, exhibits community commitment in and out of the courtroom.

A past president of the Faulkner County Bar Association, he serves as a judge in the 20th Judicial District, which includes Faulkner, Van Buren and Sevier counties in Arkansas.

Maggio is a past president of the Faulkner County Heart Association and is a corporate sponsor of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, United Way and Cancer Society.

He has served as a youth soccer and baseball coach for the last seven years.

Named the 2000 Arkansas Republican of the Year, Maggio also was selected as 2000 Arkansas Republican Small Business Owner of the Year for his Maggio Law Firm.

He narrowly lost a bid for Conway City Council in 1998.

He has served for three years on the Petit Jean Community College Board of Trustees and has been a member of the Conway Housing Authority.

Board of Directors as well as the Arkansas Regional Commission Board.

A member of his local Chamber of Commerce, Maggio is a graduate of the Faulkner County Leadership Institute.

Maggio is a '79 graduate of St. Stanislaus College and University of Arkansas Law School. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Maggio of Bay St. Louis.

FGH equipment division receives \$13.5M contract

FGH Engineered Products Group, the equipment segment of Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (OTCBB: FGHQ), announced that its AmClyde unit has signed new contracts in excess of \$13.5 million with customers in Freeport, Texas and Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

"AmClyde is very pleased to receive these key orders from our long-standing customer NPCC (National Petroleum Construction Company) of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates and our new customer Cabott Subsea Products, Inc. of Houston, Texas," said Dick Juilich, AmClyde president.

AmClyde has a contract with NPCC to provide a significant

upgrade existing machinery," said Juilich.

A Clyde-Norson Engineering, the Glasgow, Scotland segment of AmClyde, received a contract to design and build umbilical handling equipment at the new Cabott Subsea Products, Inc. (Cabott) production facility at Port Freeport, Texas.

This equipment includes three 1,000-ton capacity carousels, loading towers, tensioners and related machinery. The addition of AmClyde-Norson Engineering further complements the existing product lines of AmClyde.

Anil Raj, chief operating offi-

cer of Friede Goldman Halter, AmClyde's parent company commented, "The announcement of these contracts for AmClyde reaffirms the confidence of our customers in all of Friede Goldman Halter's companies.

"Engineered Products, Rig and Vessel divisions have all received significant new contracts since we filed a petition for reorganization.

"These awards and the continued support of our customers will assist us in emerging as a stronger and more capable company."

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Cochran, Lott announce \$2,375,000 for research in remote sensing

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has awarded Jackson State University \$2,375,000 for research in remote sensing of the earth and environment.

Senators Thad Cochran and Trent Lott announced:

"University research projects are very important to enhancing Mississippi's academic institutions and to creating new opportunities for job creation in our state," Senator Lott said.

"I believe remote sensing is a promising new industry, and I

have worked very aggressively to make sure that Mississippi institutions, including Jackson State University, are an important part of the remote sensing initiative." This work will be accomplished through capacity building at JSU's School of Science Technology in Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing.

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PRCC offers night, weekend classes in Bay St. Louis

Registration for Pearl River Community College academic night and weekend classes will be held from 3-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, in the Admissions Office in the Ted Alexander Administration Building.

Registration will be held on the main campus, however, night and weekend classes will be taught in Bay St. Louis. Night classes will begin Aug. 15.

The night classes, all three-hour courses, will be on a semester schedule and will meet from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Bay High School.

The classes and the days they are taught include:

> English Composition I (Wednesday)
> Developmental English II (Wednesday)

> Child Psychology (Tuesday)
> World Civilization II (Wednesday)

> College Algebra (Tuesday)

> General Psychology I (Monday)

Two weekend classes are offered during the Fall 2001 semester at Bay High School.

Weekend classes meet Friday, Oct. 19, Saturday, Oct. 20, Sunday, Oct. 21 and Friday, Nov. 2, Saturday, Nov. 3, Sunday, Nov. 4.

The classes include General Psychology I and Oral Communication.

Dr. John Grant, Dean of Academic Affairs at PRCC, says there is the likelihood of more classes being offered in the future.

"We are doing this to try to meet the needs of people in our

district who have requested that we do this," said Grant.

"We want to be responsive to the people in Hancock County. In the future, we will be receptive to what the people in the community want and need and, we will try to meet those needs."

Admission requirements include a completed PRCC application for admission; an official high school transcript showing date of graduation or official GED score report; official ACT score report and official transcripts for my other college attended.

Students can register by calling the PRCC Office of Admissions at (601) 403-1214; or Academic Counselors Dr. Chris Lundy at (601) 403-1238 or Ethel Batson at (601) 403-1239.

Women's Center offers new skin treatment

For years, people have treated skin problems such as fine lines, sun damage and acne with procedures that involved painful lasers and chemical peels. Hancock Women's Center now offers a modern, safe, and virtually painless alternative micro-dermabrasion.

This non-invasive, non-surgical procedure uses a highly controlled spray of sodium bicarbonate crystals to remove the outer layer of skin.

The non-toxic crystals are applied to the skin through a wand, using a series of light

strokes. A manually adjusted vacuum then returns them through the wand to a collection chamber.

"The dermabrasion removes the dead skin and wrinkles, leaving behind the younger, tighter skin underneath," said Dimitri Yanez, M.D., of Hancock Women's Center. "It has a very dramatic effect."

Unlike laser and chemical peels, which involve up to several weeks of recovery time, micro-dermabrasion can be done during a lunch hour. The procedure usually takes less

than 30 minutes, depending upon the skin condition, the area to be treated and the desired outcome.

For the initial treatment, patients visit the doctor's office once a week for five weeks. Most patients notice changes in their skin's appearance following the second treatment.

Maintenance treatments are recommended every four to six weeks. These treatments are elective but affordable, said Yanez.

For more information call (228) 467-2555.

Civil Defense, Impact host Hurricane Fair

The Bay St. Louis/Waveland/Hancock County Office of Civil Defense and the Hancock County/Bay St. Louis Project Impact will host a Hurricane Fair Aug. 4 at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road. The groups are seeking informational and interactive participation for the general public to learn how to

be better prepared for a hurricane, how to reduce personal and business losses associated with a hurricane, or how to speed recovery from a hurricane. The Hurricane Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Civic Center. The center will open at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 for setup. Booth space will be approxi-

mately 10 feet long by 20 feet deep. If you need outside space for an exhibit, contact Civil Defense Director Lynette Carbon. There is access to electricity, but there are limited outlets. Please call early. To cover the cost of promotion, there is a fee of \$40 for a booth. This fee can be waived for governmental and non-profit organizations.

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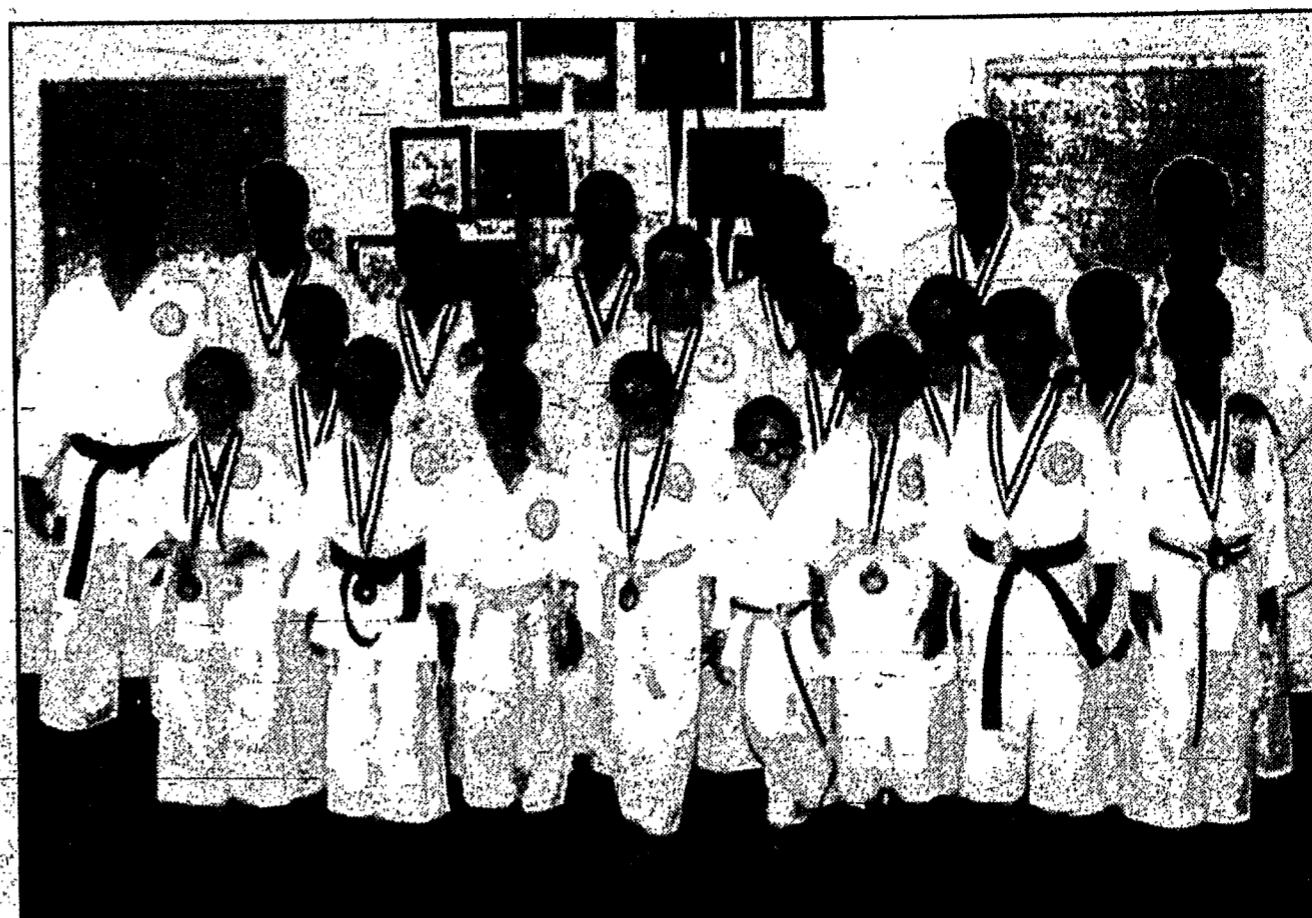
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Gulfcoast Shotokan Karate Club team members who competed in the National this year included, front from left, Reni Black, Robby Weathersby, Sam Solberger, Cheyenne Roberts, J. T. Roberts, Loretta Marino, Tony Fields and Ben Spurlock; center row, Jeffery Weathersby, T. J. Cassiby, Sean Flynn, Johnathan Miranda, Guillermo Gibson and Nam Tran; back row, Coach Tom Kelly, Steve Climer, Sky Tomson, Stephanie Cayula, Chuck Weathersby, Pat Johnston and owner-instructor Rannie Ladner. Not shown are Susie Tenney, John Tenney and Amanda Terrell. Gold medalists are Nam Tran, Pat Johnston, Reni Black and Tony Fields. Two-time gold medalists are Sky Tomson and Stephanie Cayula.

Coast karate club brings home the gold

At this year's Nationals, the Gulfcoast Shotokan Karate Club of Waveland, under the direction of 5th degree blackbelt Rannie Ladner, made a very strong showing in what seemed to be one of the best Nationals the AAU has ever had.

"This year we were very fortunate to have had the Nationals in our own back yard. The event was held at the Pontchartrain Center in New Orleans. Competition was very good; some events had as many as 30 athletes," said Ladner.

The club brought back eight gold medals, five silver, and 10 bronzemedals.

Four athletes qualified and will compete in the 2001 Junior Olympics in August in Hampton, Va.

"This year's National team

trained very hard, which train many extra hours.

"We have approximately 175 students, and a small portion makes our National team. This year's team had the support of our parents which helps tremendously," Ladner added.

Men's retreat in the Pass

A Holy Spirit Men's Retreat is planned for Aug. 17-19 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian.

Speakers include Fr. Bill Henry, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in McComb; David Mangan, a lay evangelist, teacher and author from Ann Arbor, Mich.; and a team from the Catholic Charismatic

Renewal of New Orleans. Cost is \$115 per person which covers registration, meals and accommodations.

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Raid -- 'Crack Down'

the Bay St. Louis and Waveland police departments; the Narcotics Task Force (made up of agents from the sheriff's office and both police forces), the DEA Task Force and HIDA were in the process of serving 28 arrest warrants. Officers had served 10 other warrants on Tuesday.

"A lot of these are repeat offenders," according to NTF Director Brett Ladner.

Hopefully, he said, some of those arrested in Operation: Crack Down will help lead authorities to more upper-level drug dealers.

"There are probably five guys supplying this area with all the drugs," Ladner said. "We get somebody off the street level, and we'll take it one step up, and one step up."

Many of the street-level dealers, he said, are merely selling to support their own habits.

Of the 38 warrants to be served, 16 were for suspects with prior drug arrests. Four of those arrested Wednesday are now being held without bond because at the time they were busted, they were already on parole for other offenses.

In all, Garber said, the 38 suspects were wanted in connection with 69 different cases.

Garber said the suspects netted in the sweep were wanted for allegedly selling several different types of controlled substances, including crack cocaine, marijuana, the prescription drug oxycontin and the "designer" drug Ecstasy.

Drugs are a national prob-

lem," Garber said, "but I feel with everybody working together, we can really make a difference in Hancock County."

This year, we're expecting to have a record year in terms of felony drug arrests and convictions. ... And (private) citizens probably contribute to about 90 percent of our arrests. Without them, we wouldn't be as successful in our fight against drugs."

The names of those arrested in Operation: Crack Down were not yet available at press time.

To report a suspected illicit drug sale, call the Narcotics Task Force at 467-1496; the Hancock County Sheriff's Office at 467-1496; the Bay St. Louis Police Department at 467-9221; or the Waveland Police Department at 467-3669.

Air show -- Stennis

and Harbor Commission sent out a press release this week to announce it is postponing the event, and hopes to organize a bigger and better sky show sometime next spring.

The event was originally proposed two years ago by Sky Parade of Greenwood, Miss., which had been producing the yearly air show at Jackson Airport. That organization backed out of its contractual obligation with the Port and Harbor Commission last May.

The Commission then announced it would team with

the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau to stage the event over the three-day Labor Day weekend. The event was to include aerial performances by the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, and feature World War II vintage airplanes, experimental aircraft and other aviation displays.

Airport Manager Bill Kotter said the three agencies were working with the Air National Guard in Gulfport to plan the event, but, "More time is need-

ed to make the air show one that Hancock County can be proud of."

Cotter said prospective commercial sponsors have also indicated they may be able to give more financial support to the venture this coming spring.

Port and Harbor Executive Director Hal Walters issued a special thanks to Col. Spraggins and the staff of the Air National Guard unit in Gulfport "for their hard work up to this point, and their continued support of Stennis International Airport."

Murder -- Tate

Tate was found dead in his own home on June 12 by his brother Charles.

Because of the position and condition of the body, investigators initially thought he had merely slipped in his bathroom and hit his head, but a later autopsy revealed he had died from a hidden gunshot wound to the back of the head from a small-calibre weapon.

Investigators theorize that whoever shot Tate was someone he knew and trusted, since there was no sign of forced entry or a struggle.

Ron Tate's wife and children had been out of town visiting relatives. When he wouldn't answer the phone on the evening his body was found, his wife got worried and asked Charles Tate to check on him.

Charles Tate found his brother lying on the floor with blood on his nose and on the back of his head. He had apparently been dead since the night before. Neighbors told sheriff's investigators they had seen the victim welcome an unidentified male into the Pleasant Hill mobile home, but the visitor left after only a few minutes.

Anyone with information concerning the crime is urged to contact Lambert at 467-5101.

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Power wheelchairs available for seniors and the disabled

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available a manual wheelchair and power (electric) wheelchairs to senior citizens (65 years old and up) and the permanently disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot

walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required. If the patient's need is for use in the home, call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll free at 1-800-246-6010.



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Maintenance technician Norman (Bennie) Saucier was named Hancock Medical Center's Employee of the Second Quarter for 2001. Saucier is known for his versatility and expertise in every area of the construction and maintenance departments. His talents are many, and problem-solving ability is second to none, according to his supervisor. Congratulations for a job well done...

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What wonderful memories I have of 33 years in business in Bay St. Louis. You have not only been my customers but my friends. Being in business in the wonderful town of Bay St. Louis and getting to know so many of you has richly blessed my life. In a very real sense, I have had the pleasure of sharing in your lives, not only the happy times, like births, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and the holidays, which were always so special, but also you have felt free to let me share those sad times. I thank you for all that we have shared together.

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Back to School!

Bay-Waveland and Hancock districts beginning new school year in serious style

BY BARBARA CROPP
Contributing Writer

Back to school is just around the corner and the students that I meet and talk with are excited about school starting.

I remember as a young girl I couldn't wait to go clothes shopping for school. There was a limited budget for clothes and supplies. Because of my size finding clothes was difficult. Uniforms would have been just the thing. The early morning plight of what to wear is resolved and many stressful conflicts between parent and child are avoided.

Last year students and parents participated in a pilot program for uniforms in both Bay St. Louis-Waveland and Hancock County School Districts. In an end-of-the-year parent survey, parents in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District overwhelmingly chose for their children to wear school uniforms. Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District this

year will have a mandatory uniform requirement. According to Chuck Benigno, assistant superintendent, "Students knew last year was a pilot and would become mandatory this year. The official policy was distributed to parents at the end of the year."

According to Hancock schools information officer Tammy Ehrlich, wearing uniforms dropped off substantially in Hancock County Schools and it was decided not to have a school uniform policy.

Although there has been some controversy and resistance to a uniform policy, studies have shown the positive effects of uniforms in learning behavior and attitude.

Pride in self and school spirit have increased. Many students who at first were resistant to the idea learned that after getting used to the uniforms, they were happy to have them.

Uniforms, many say, are convenient, sharp-looking, and socially leveling. High school students no longer have to compete for name brands or feel "not rich enough" to be popular. They can be judged on their skills, dependability, friendliness, and character. An increase in safety and security result from the appropriate attire of students. Gloria Dean, Bay High counselor, said, "Parents are very positive and like one set of rules, not if you want to." A father from Mobile moving here and checking out the schools thought positive about school uniforms.

I interviewed a Bay High senior who, when the policy first came out, asked, "why it was necessary since our school was rated very safe. We have no problems. Most students get along. People began discussing the fact that it would cut down on teasing and cliques. No one would have to compete about money spent on clothes," she

stated.

Barbara Cropp

began to rethink. "Everyone wears khakis anyway, the only difference is the specific shirts, not just T-shirts."

Area stores have purchased a variety of uniforms to fit the needs of customers in both the private and parochial schools, as well as the different public school requirements. Each school has colors and selections to make its uniforms uniquely its own.

• Bay Catholic - According to Diane Ferrell, girls wear plaid jumper or plaid walking shorts, white button-down blouse or white polo; boys can wear navy blue pants, walking shorts and white button-down shirt. Both wear the red sweatshirt with the "BC" emblem.

• Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District - Navy blue or khaki pants, shorts, with white or navy blue shirts. Girls also have a jumper and skirt. Benigno stated, "I shopped around and was pleased with the quality selection and cost of



Photo by Barbara Cropp
Lisa Boswell and her daughter Macy Dowden, a fifth-grader at Second Street Elementary; and son Nicolas Dowden, a Headstart student, do some back-to-school shopping at K-Mart in Waveland on Tuesday. Boswell said she was very much in favor of the Bay-Waveland School District's new mandatory school uniform policy.

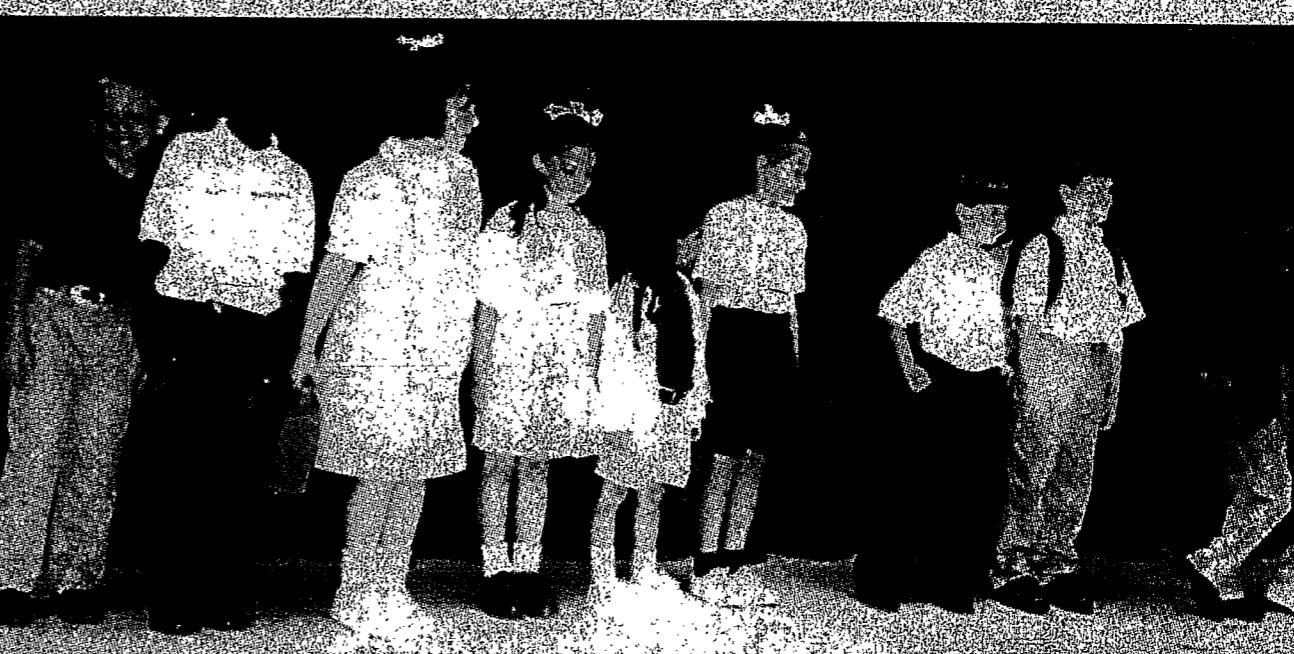


Photo courtesy of Waveland Elementary School
Students model prospective uniforms at a "fashion show" for parents at a PTO meeting at Waveland Elementary, prior to the district's adoption of the current uniform policy.

uniforms. Local vendors are plaid jumper. and in November, a count of uniforms was done. The school board decided not to make a

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Photo courtesy of Waveland Elementary School
Waveland students Caitlyn Spell and Hillary Thomas in khaki jumpers and white blouses.

1981: Jourdan River is washing us away -- officials eye solution

TEN YEARS AGO

July 25, 1991 - The long awaited return of the National Guard's 1355th Service and Supply Unit will be Saturday afternoon. Members of the unit from Bay St. Louis/Hancock County and Ocean Springs, are at Fort Rucker, Ala., where they will undergo debriefing and demobilization process until Saturday morning. "As best as we can tell, the troops will be routed down Highway 90, across the Bay Bridge," said Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, who received word from the Governor's office Wednesday.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce has relocated to a new office in Colonial Plaza on Highway 90. The office

Back in Time



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Public Information

is staffed by Cindy Vernon, executive director; Georgia Breland, secretary/bookkeeper; and Alisha LaFontaine, summer intern.

Edward D. (Eddie)

Murtagh, Jr., has announced that he will seek his fifth term as Hancock County's Tax Collector/Assessor. Murtagh is now in his 20th year in the tax collector/assessor's office.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

July 23, 1981 - The Bay St. Louis City Council Tuesday approved a resolution to advertise the city's intent to join the Waveland Wastewater Authority. Councilman James Thrifiley, who opposed the resolution, told other councilmen the city is not obliged to join the authority. Gerald Gex, board attorney, stated the resolution is in no way binding. Thrifiley stated he felt the governing bodies included in the present

Wastewater Authority would not give Bay St. Louis equal representation. Currently the Waveland Authority's board is composed of Bay St. Louis Mayor Larry Bennett; Waveland Mayor John Longo, and President of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors Alton (Dolph) Kellar.

Federal, regional and local officials met in Hancock County on the banks of the Jourdan River in McLeod Park recently to consider ways of halting devastating erosion in the area. Mary Caillier, park director, told the officials, "You've got to do something. Erosion is eating the park up." Some 60 to 75 feet of land has been washed away in the past two years in an area

near the pavilion.

FORTY YEARS AGO

July 27, 1961 - Contract for the new Post Office to be built on Coleman Avenue in Waveland has been awarded to George C. Topper Co., Inc. of Port St. Joe, Fla. Mrs. Thelma Landry, postmistress, said she should have word shortly exactly when construction will begin. The building will be leased to the Post Office Department for ten years at an annual rent of \$3,348, with renewal options running up to 20 years. To be constructed on site 9,548 square feet in size, the building itself will have an interior space of 1,760 square feet surrounded by an ample paved area for park-

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

July 27, 1951 - Residents of the Bay-Waveland, Clermont Harbor Lakeshore area are in for a real treat on the evening of

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Early planning makes college easier to afford

BY BONNIE COBLENTZ
MSU Ag Communications

Paying for college is expensive, but parents can make the task easier on themselves and their child if they start saving when the child is young.

The cost of a college education at a public university for children born this year is expected to be \$100,000. For those wishing to attend a private university, the cost rises to \$235,000 for the four-year experience.

Jan Lukens, Extension consumer management specialist at Mississippi State University's Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, said compound interest works in favor of those who start saving early.

"The sooner you start saving, the better, even if you only save just a small amount each month," Lukens said. "You can be well on your way to having the funds needed for your child to go to college."

Among the issues parents need to consider are the amount of money they hope to accumulate, how many years they have to do this, the rate of return necessary to reach the financial goal, and taxes that will be

imposed on earnings.

"If parents start investing \$25 a month at 8 percent interest when the child is born, by the time that child is 18, they will have just over \$12,000," Lukens said.

"If they save \$100 a month, they would have more than \$48,000. A one-time investment of \$20,000 at an 8 percent return when the child is born can grow to just under \$80,000 by the time the child is ready for college."

The state of Mississippi offers two college finance programs to residents, the Mississippi Pre-paid Affordable College Tuition and the Mississippi Affordable College Savings programs. Known as MPACT and MACS, each offers different financial solutions.

Those who contribute fully to MPACT lock in the cost of tuition at any public Mississippi school. The money does not guarantee tuition at out-of-state schools, but can be transferred to some family members other than the one for which it was intended.

If the child decides to study out of state, the money invested can generally be refunded to the parents, with no guarantee that

it will cover tuition elsewhere. "One of the strengths of MPACT is that it's guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the state of Mississippi," Lukens said. "Its use is restricted to tuition and mandatory fees at public institutions, and does not cover items such as housing and books."

MACS is similar to a 401K fund, but with fewer investment alternatives. Money paid into this program grows until the child is ready for college and can pay for school expenses at most institutions in Mississippi or across the country, and even some international schools.

A parent, grandparent or friend can contribute up to \$10,000 a year, for a total of \$20,000 per couple, and receive a state tax deduction on this amount.

"The nicest thing about this program happened very recently. Funds withdrawn for education are not taxable, starting in 2002," Lukens said. "Only a Roth IRA or tax-exempt municipal bonds offer this same type of tax exemption."

MACS can be set up for as little as \$15 a month through payroll deduction. Money can be transferred to other siblings or

first cousins, and can be spent on tuition, room, board and books.

"Talk to a tax advisor to determine what investment plan is best for you and your needs," Lukens said.

More information on the state's college finance programs is available online at www.collegesavingsmississippi.com or by calling 1-800-987-4450.

There are other options for hopeful college students who don't have a bankroll ready to finance their education. Financial aid, scholarships and part-time jobs fund many people's college education.

"The child and the family should start looking into financial aid no later than the child's junior year," Lukens said. "The sooner they start doing that, the more likely they are to find options available."

Most financial aid is in the form of loans, that while useful, can mean graduates start their career with a tremendous debt load. Scholarships often are linked to good grades, but extracurricular activities weigh heavily also. Part-time jobs or work-study programs are another way for students to pay their own way through school.

Parents: Shop smart for school supplies

By Bonnie Coblenz
MSU Ag Communications

August can feel like December to family budgets strained by back-to-school purchases, but planning and careful shopping can ease the crunch.

Jan Lukens, Extension consumer management specialist at Mississippi State University's Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, said how much a parent spends on supplies varies by teacher, grade and school. It is also affected by whether or not the school has uniforms.

"Parents should be encouraged that there are a lot of things they can do to save money, regardless of the list of necessities they may be given from the teacher," Lukens said.

To begin with, don't wait until a few weeks before school to start shopping. Even without a list of required school supplies, Lukens said parents can buy standard items such as pencils, paper, construction paper and glue throughout the year when they go on sale. Stockpile these early to make shopping easier before school starts.

Lukens recommended parents shop around and compare

prices when they get their child's school supplies list.

"We have done small consumer studies and found there is a great deal of price variation for items," Lukens said. "The person who is willing to shop, check the ads in the newspaper and spend some time on the phone comparing prices can save a great deal of money."

For example, Lukens found she could easily spend \$20 to \$30 buying the 12 items on one third grade school supplies list. After careful shopping, she found everything for less than \$10.

Another trick is to put off the purchase of book bags until just after school starts.

"A lot of school supply items will go on sale right before school because of competition, but book bags have few price concessions and tend to be sold on the basis of how attractive they are to children," Lukens said.

"If you can convince your child to wait until school starts, virtually every book bag goes on sale and you can find many for one-fourth their original cost."

Clothes are usually the most expensive back-to-school items, but Lukens said school uniforms help cut costs.

"I truly find if uniforms are worn in school, they save money mainly because you don't have to have the variety of clothes," Lukens said. "You can get by with three or four uniforms a season if you have to."

Lukens said when uniforms are not required, parents find themselves buying more clothes so children can have the variety they want.

"If you're trying to decide if you have enough clothing, get between one and two weeks worth of outfits," Lukens said. "You can get by with one week's worth of outfits, and certainly not necessary to have more than two weeks worth of outfits for kids."

When buying uniforms, Lukens said to pay extra for quality and durability as the same clothes will be worn all season. With other school clothes, durability is not as big an issue since usually the child rotates more outfits, and each item is worn fewer times before it is outgrown.

"If you're going to concentrate dollars per item, spend more money on good shoes for the child," Lukens said. "Young children are very active and need comfortable shoes with

good support."

Where uniforms are not required, determine what the dress code is before buying school clothes. It's also a good idea to go to a new school ahead of time with the child to see what other students are wearing.

The final preparation to make before stocking up for school is to prepare a budget. Estimate the costs of the items needed and determine if funds are available. Shop wisely and stretch dollars, and postpone optional purchases.

"If shopping for supplies doesn't cause a budget crunch in your family, remember the community organizations and churches that collect school supplies for others who need them," Lukens said. "Contribute to these if you can, as they can be a big help to other families trying to prepare their children for school."

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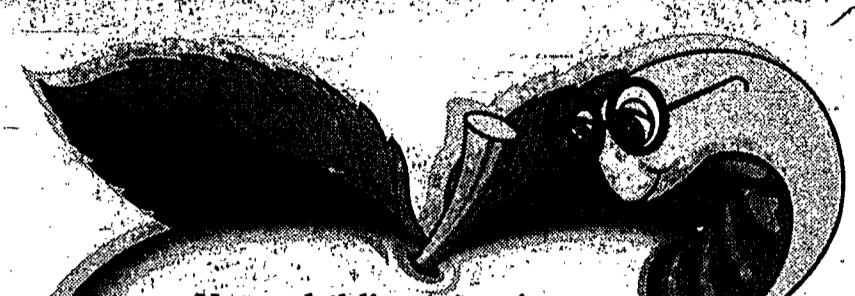
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Hancock, Bay-Waveland calendars

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JULY
4 Independence Day Holiday
11 Board Meeting

AUGUST
6 New Teacher Orientation*
7-9 Professional Dev.*
8 Board Meeting
10 First Quarter Begins

SEPTEMBER
3 Labor Day Holiday
12 Board Meeting
13 Progress Reports 4-12
20 Progress Reports K-3

OCTOBER
10 Board Meeting
11-12 Exams 4-12
12 First Quarter Ends
15 Fall Holiday*
16 Professional Dev.*
17 Second Quarter Begins
18 Report Cards 4-12
29 Student Profiles K-3

NOVEMBER
14 Board Meeting
15 Progress Reports 4-12
21-23 Thanksgiving Holidays*

DECEMBER
12 Board Meeting
20 Progress Reports K-3
20-21 Exams 4-12
21 60% Day/Second Quarter Ends
24-Jan. 4 Christmas Holidays*

JANUARY
4 Professional Development*

7 School Resumes
16 Board Meeting
17 Report Cards 4-12
21 Martin Luther King Holiday*

FEBRUARY
7 Progress Reports 4-12
11-12 Mardi Gras Holidays*
14 Board Meeting
18 Student Profiles K-3

MARCH
13 Board Meeting
14-15 Exams 4-12
15 Third Quarter Ends
18 Fourth Quarter Begins
28 Professional Dev.*
Report Cards 4-12
Progress Reports K-3
29 Good Friday Holiday*

APRIL
1-5 Spring Break*
17 Board Meeting
25 Progress Reports 4-12

MAY
8 Board Meeting
20 Student Profiles K-3
22-23 Senior Exams
24 Graduation
23-24 Exams 4-12
24 Last Student Day (60%)
27 Memorial Day Holiday*
28 Professional Dev.*

JUNE
12 Board Meeting
* Students not in school on these days
Student Days: 180
Teacher Contract Days: 197
Board Meetings every 2nd Wednesday evening unless otherwise announced

HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR 2001-2002
JULY
1-2, 3, 2001 New Student Registration
1-2, 3, 2001 Teacher Orientation
1-2, 3, 2001 Professional Development
1-2, 3, 2001 Student Day (1st Quarter Begins)
September 3, 2001 Labor Day Holiday
September 11, 12, 2001 1st Quarter Exams
October 12, 13, 2001 Fall Holiday
October 14, 15, 2001 Fall Holiday
October 16, 17, 2001 Fall Holiday
October 18, 19, 2001 2nd Quarter Begins
October 22, 2001 English II Writing (Subject Area Test)
October 23, 2001 Report Card Day - Students Off
November 13-14, 2001 Educational Literacy Exam
November 21-22, 2001 Thanksgiving Holidays
December 10-11, 2001 Algebra I, Biology I, U.S. History, English II, Math Choice
December 12-13, 2001 3rd Quarter Exams
December 14-15, 2001 3rd Quarter Exams
December 18-19, 2001 4th Quarter Begins
March 13, 2002 English II Writing (Subject Area Test)
March 20, 2002 Writing Ten (Grades 4 and 7)
March 21-22, 2002 Norm Referenced Ten (Grades 5 and 8)
March 28, 2002 Report Card Day - Students Off
March 29, 2002 Good Friday Holiday
April 1-5, 2002 Spring Holidays
April 9, 2002 Classes Resume
April 9-10, 2002 MS Career Planning & Assessment System Test (Vo-Tech)
April 23-26, 2002 Algebra I, Biology I, U.S. History, English II Multi-Choice
May 7-9, 2002 Mississippi Curriculum Test (Grades 2-8)
May 26, 2002 Hancock High Graduation
May 27, 2002 Memorial Day Holiday
May 28 & 29, 2002 4th Quarter Exams
May 29, 2002 Last Student Day - 60% Day
May 30, 2002 Professional Development

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Parents can lessen their children's report card trauma

BY LINDA BREAZEALE
MSU Ag Communications

Bringing home a report card regardless of the grades can be a traumatic experience for youth, but parents can help lessen the trauma by listening and communicating.

"If parents expect straight A's from their children and they only bring home average grades, youth feel they are disappointing their parents," said Louise Davis, family and child development specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. "Parents must know their child's capabilities. A C-average person shouldn't be pressured to do A-

average work."

During a student's academic career, certain aptitudes are measured by achievement tests and by previous grades. Parents should be aware of their child's limitations and accept them, Davis said.

"If a report card is really bad, instead of it being a real negative experience, a parent and child might try to communicate about what the problems are; then together set goals for improvement," Davis said.

Guidelines such as developing good study habits must also be set for reaching the goals. "Conferences with teachers are critical for students and

parents," Davis said. "If the youth knows parents and teachers care, that in itself can be a motivational tool."

The teacher can identify if the student is really trying or not. In a parent-teacher conference, parents can recommend good ways to handle their child in particular situations, and the teacher can suggest ways to help the child at home.

It may be that the student is applying himself or herself to the fullest extent and average work is all the student is capable of doing.

Davis said parents and teachers should take every opportunity to express pleasure in

improvements. If a report card is good, take the opportunity to celebrate. Let youth know you're proud of them and their efforts.

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Statistics show parents heading back to school in record numbers

Junior is not the only one hitting the books this fall. Recent statistics show that at least one of his parents also is likely to be sitting in a classroom.

Adults over 40 are the fastest growing segment of the population enrolled in higher education, according to the Rockville, Md.-based Educational Resources Information Center.

And adults over 25 comprise at least 50 percent of overall higher education enrollments, reports the National Center for Education Statistics.

If you're an older adult thinking about adding your name to a class roll, whether you're going to college for the first time, updating current job skills and credentials, or changing careers, now is the time to devise your academic plan and plot your goals.

"Communicate with an academic adviser and get all the necessary information initially," said Dr. Bonnie P. Buntin, director of The University of

Mississippi (UM) DeSoto Center in Southaven, which offers programs and courses through the UM Institute for Continuing Studies.

"The most successful students are the ones who map a curriculum plan and determine the speed in which they want to complete courses. Sometimes students may take one class a semester and sometimes they may take four."

Looking back over her five years as director of the UM satellite campus, which shares a unique affiliation with Northwest Mississippi Community College, Buntin's observation is that the Center's nontraditional students mostly are adults of various ages who choose to take college courses while also earning a paycheck.

The secret to success for such students is the combination of ability and desire, said Buntin, who completed her UM doctorate while holding a job.

"If a student attends the

DeSoto Center, he or she has already made a personal commitment to complete a degree. Our purpose is to help the student achieve his or her goals."

But with a job, children and responsibilities, can you really go back to school? You can, Buntin said, offering additional advice:

* Set realistic academic and time goals. "Successful students have an overall plan and know what the process entails," she said.

* Manage responsibilities on a short-term basis. "Education is a process achieved in small steps," Buntin said. "It's a matter of pursuing your goal to the end of each semester."

* Look forward to getting hooked on academics. "Learning, to me, is fun," Buntin said. "Once you get into the classroom and meet the faculty and other students, you'll become immersed in your studies."

* Know that many nontraditional students are high achievers.

As a rule, it's not the lack of desire or aptitude that keeps adult learners from going back to school but the constraints of job, family, finances and time.

"Usually, DeSoto Center students are so focused and determined that academic achievement is not a problem," Buntin said.

* Take advantage of available financial resources, including scholarships. At the DeSoto Center, local students may apply for locally-funded scholarships and Phi Theta Kappa awards, Buntin said. Nontraditional students also may be eligible for financial aid.

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Avenues For Success to recognize student/staff achievement

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Avenues For Success Inc., a minority women-owned non-profit organization located in Bay Saint Louis, provides an education and training program for at-risk youth ages 14-21.

The program will end its first program year by recognizing the accomplishments of more than 55 youth of the 130 served from Harrison and Hancock counties who have participated in the program since its beginning in September of 2000.

The program has provided services such as GED classes, job employability training, job placement services, soft skills, tutoring, computer training and classes to help out-of-school youth (ages 14-16) return to school.

This is not just a celebration of the students who have participated in the program, but also the staff at Avenues For Success who have experienced a very productive, successful, first year in operation.

Funding for the program's education and training program is made possible through a \$900,000 grant provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Division.

The graduation and awards ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 3, at the program's site, 1978 Washington Street, Bay Saint Louis, 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.



From left: Robert Eberhart, Kayla Blatchley, Joey Cucurullo, Stephanie Ells, Judy Mayer (teacher), Rebeckah Kersanac, Lynn Bourgeois (teacher), Ashley Derenbecker, Danielle LeBlanc, and Brittany Grow are shown in front of the newly opened Hancock Thrift Shop.

Main Street preteens help thrift shop

The preteen class recently attending the Way to Go! Good Neighbor Tour at Main Street United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School in Bay St. Louis got a very unique experience at the newly opened Hancock Thrift Shop in Bay St. Louis.

Along with their teachers, Judy Mayer and Lynn Bourgeois, they were able to learn first-hand about how they can make a positive difference in their world around them.

The class worked sorting, pricing, and organizing items for resale July 12 and 13.

They also made flyers to advertise the new shop, which is an extension of the Hancock County Emergency Relief Fund, Inc. (HCKERF) and is under the supervision of the Hancock Thrift Shop.

Tax deductible contributions can be made to the Hancock Thrift Shop, P.O. Box 2124, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521 or to request a pickup at 228-466-

County Ministerial Alliance.

Lois Rowley, director of the Hancock Thrift Shop said, "The HCKERF has assisted with the emergency needs of county residents for decades. Recently monthly services were suspended due to lost funding. However, the need remains. Therefore, we have opened the Hancock Thrift Shop to raise funds in order to resume these services."

The Hancock Thrift Shop is still undergoing the setting up of the store and has need of some building supplies (for shelving, etc.) and coat hangers, as well as a window air conditioner and some other supplies.

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0506. The Hancock Thrift Shop is open Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until noon. The shop is located at 1239 Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis, and the telephone number is 228/466-0506.

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Pack lunches that remain safe to eat

By Bonnie Coblenz

MSU Ag Communications
Kids may think a lunch box's primary purpose is to look cool while holding food, but parent's should be sure the lunch box is actually a safe place for food.

Dr. Melissa Mixon, human nutrition specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said packing a safe, healthy lunch for school children can be a bit tricky. Whatever is packed must be able to survive several hours without refrigeration before lunchtime.

"Hot foods must stay hot and cold foods cold in order for the meal to be safe," Mixon said. "The best way to ensure youth have a safe lunch is to either pack shelf-stable foods or use insulated containers with a cold source or an insulated bottle for hot foods."

Perishable food has a very short time limit and temperature range it can tolerate before it becomes unsafe to eat. When in doubt about the safety of food, throw it out.

"If the food has been exposed to temperatures between 40 to 140 degrees longer than two hours, throw it away," Mixon said. "That's all the time needed for bacteria or other microorganisms to multiply to dangerous levels. Bacteria seldom change the taste, color or appearance of the food, but they can multiply to the millions in a few hours and cause illness."

Foods that are safe for any occasion include peanut butter sandwiches, cookies, crackers, commercially-dried fruit, some cans of fruit or pudding, juice boxes and whole fruit.

Foods that perish need to be temperature protected.

"When shopping for lunch boxes or bags, choose one that is insulated to keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold," Mixon said. "Include a frozen gel pack to keep foods chilled. Discard food kept past lunch as the gel packs

water for a few minutes, then pour it out and fill with the hot food. Keep the bottle closed until lunchtime and the food will be warm when the student is ready to eat."

"Take precautions when preparing and packing a school lunch, but be sure to not eat any leftovers. Perishable food packed in a lunch box or bag that is not eaten at lunch should be thrown away," Mixon said. "Don't try to save it by bringing it back home. The chances are high that it is no longer safe to eat."

The same can be done with individual juice boxes or plastic containers of foods such as apple sauce. These will help keep the food cool until they've thawed by lunchtime.

Hot foods are best stored in insulated bottles. Prepare these by filling first with boiling

water and then add the food. Make sure the lunch box will keep their child's food safely can do a test run by packing a lunch and storing the box under normal conditions. At lunchtime, test the food temperatures with a kitchen thermometer to see if the meal is still safe to eat.

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Reinhart receives national recognition



Brad Reinhart

TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, sponsored recognition ceremonies to honor some of the most talented seventh graders in the United States.

Brad Reinhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reinhart of Diamondhead, was invited to attend the Grand Recognition Ceremony at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

He was presented with a grand medallion at the prestigious ceremony at Duke University where the top 1% of seventh grade students were honored.

Students invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony earned a math or verbal score on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT) higher than 90% of col-

lege-bound high school seniors as part of TIP's 20th annual Talent Search.

Seventh grade students invited to the TIP recognition ceremonies earned scores that would be the envy of many graduating seniors.

Reinhart also received an award at the TIP State Recognition Ceremony at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Reinhart is a student at St. Stanislaus. He was active this year in cross-country, track, basketball, bowling, altar serving at church, and was also a seventh grade Student Council representative.

Family Academy to cut ribbon Saturday

On July 28, Family Academy will conduct its ribbon cutting ceremony and first annual concert event to benefit the children. The event is to celebrate the opening of Family Academy and to raise funds for playground equipment, library books, computers, etc. (All proceeds will go directly to purchasing needed items for the children).

Many sponsors have come together to support the event.

Vince Vance and the Valiants will be performing two concerts (7 p.m. and 9 p.m.). Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a spaghetti dinner and both concerts. One child under 13 is free with each adult ticket.

The ribbon cutting ceremony is at 6 p.m. Invited guests to the stage include Senator Trent Lott, Billy Ray Hobley with the Harlem Globetrotters, John Hall, director of Diamondhead Property Owners Association; Linda Williams, Dick Weber,

president of Diamondhead; Lisa Coward, Hancock County supervisor; Jay Cuevas, Hancock County supervisor; Patrick Evans, director of public relations with Jazzland, and John Carriere with Pepsi.

Event schedule:

6 p.m.: Ribbon cutting and spaghetti dinner

7 & 9 p.m.: Concert with Vince Vance and the Valiants

Family Academy if located at 88360 Diamondhead East Drive, Diamondhead. It was formerly Diamondhead Academy.

The school had been vacant for three years leaving no community school. On April 1, the school re-opened filling a void under the ownership of Dr. Melissa Caudle and Director Robby Stroud.

The school has 100 students. The Academy currently provides child care from infants to pre-K with expected opening of kindergarten through third grade next year.

A free health fair for local children will be conducted at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road August 11 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, the health fair coincides with the beginning of the school year and will provide children from five to 12 years of age with a wide variety of free health and safety-related services.

The fair will offer the following services: dental screening, vision screening, fingerprinting, shots, physical screenings, information on Medicaid, free health insurance for children, fire safety, information on abuse and child safety, smoking and drug use, nutrition and other child health-related subjects.

"We are very excited to offer the children in the community these services," said Terry Latham for the Kiwanis.

"These free screenings are a terrific way for parents to have their child checked out to see if they have any vision or dental problems that need attention. The activities and other information available all add up to a complete package for our families that will promote good health."

The agencies and professionals currently committed include: Hancock Medical Center, Dr. Frank Conaway Jr. DMD, Diamondhead Dental Center, Mississippi Department of Human Services, David W. Tuminello DDS, Family Child Center, Dr. Gregory, Optometrist, Bay St. Louis Fire Department, Hope Haven Children's Shelter, P.A.T.H., Hancock County Sheriff's Department, The Woman's Center, and the Health Department.

"We intend to make this a fun event as well," said Latham. My daughter, Valerie Edenfield, suggested the basic concept to us, and it has grown into a pretty comprehensive undertaking.

We will have light refreshments and some fun things to help amuse the children during their visit with us, such as face painting, free handouts and cartoons."

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Hancock High School announces 10th grade spring semester awards

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Principal's List (A's and B's for Spring Semester): Daron Boone, Steven Bounds, Posha Briney, Peter Calaghan, Chelsea Caldwell, Michelle Campanali, Rachelle Cordova, Joshua Cozzens, John Craven, Tarah Dittmann

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Biology I Achievement: David Schwers

Algebra II Achievement: Justin Dedeaux

Art I Academic: Brenna Digerolamo

Art III Academic: Holly Hogsten

Environmental Science Academic: Kortney Wilkinson

Environmental Science Achievement: Zachary Bass

Technology Applications I Academic: Layla Mitchell

Technology Applications I Achievement: Paul Knipps

Sociology Academic: Ryan Chotto

Sociology Achievement: Shawn Hess

World History Academic: Katie Jackson, Adam Ladner, Cody Ladner, Darryl Ladner, Jada Ladner, Marcus Ladner, Brian Necaise, Devin Necaise

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Child Care I Achievement: Jennifer Harrel JROTC III Academic: Chrissy Shelton

JROTC II Achievement: Katie Bruce

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Marine Science Academic: Adrian Boone

Marine Science Achievement: Stacey Moran

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Driver's Education Achievement: Tarah Dittmann

Safety Education Academic: Amber Faye

Safety Education Achievement: Lacey Heard

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Welding I Achievement: Nicholas Hume

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Career Prep II Achievement: Ashley Marceaux

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Drafting I Achievement: Kayla Stephenson

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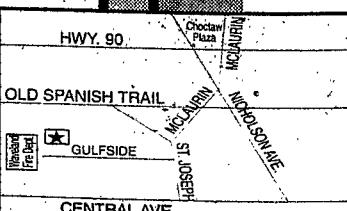
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BY LINDA BREAZEALE
MSU Ag Communications

High expectations for a new school year and dreams for a fresh start can evolve into the same old frustrations and despair when a student's reality is not academic or social stardom.

Louise Davis, family and child development specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said adults should watch for signs of frustration over behavior problems and academic challenges that prompt students to withdraw from school, even before they drop out.

"Dropping out does not begin with the physical act of leaving school. It usually happens mentally first," Davis said. "Increasing our awareness of some of the warning signs can

help protect kids from the hardships associated with dropping out of school."

Census Bureau reports from 1994 indicated that high school graduates' earnings averaged \$6,415 more per year than dropouts. Researchers report that between 1979 and 1996, the real earnings of 25- to 34-year-old male dropouts fell by 28 percent, and earnings for female dropouts declined 7 percent.

"No socioeconomic group or school district in the state is immune from the problem of students dropping out, but there are several factors that tend to increase the risk," Davis said. "One study indicates students from low-income families are 2.4 times more likely to drop out than children from middle-

income families and 10.5 times more likely than those from high-income families."

One possible reason is the tendency to follow in our parents' footsteps. Poor school performance, dating abuse, teen pregnancy and absentee parents are all part of a cycle that many times includes dropping out of school.

"The stay-in-school message often is needed most for parents and families trapped in a cycle that will carry on to the next generation if nothing happens to change their lives," Davis said. "Teachers often play the role of friend and parent to some of these troubled youth who get very little encourage-

"Even if students are not college material," teachers and parents can help them set their sights on vocations that will provide them with decent livings.

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The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

Fire Dogs shutdown J-dogs, go to playoffs

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The storyline to this game was nothing more than just plain, old-fashioned defense. Also, the Fire Dogs saw the explosive Kenny Causey return to the lineup after a stint with the Houston AFL team.

The Mississippi Fire Dogs stuffed the Johnstown J-dogs 42-27 in the first round of the NIFL playoffs for the Atlantic Division on Saturday, July 21, in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

The Mississippi defense held Queenen Robinson, the J-dogs most explosive player, to just 33 yards receiving. The Fire Dogs were led by Monte Gatlin with nine tackles.

Mississippi struck first when Kevin Heard scored on a 25-yard pass from Derrick Taite with 10:28 left in the first quarter. The PAT by Tim Hardaway added the PAT for a 15-7 lead.

Antoin Flowers added a 58-yard touchdown return on a Johnstown missed field goal with 1:32 left in the first half.

Mississippi continued its winning ways in the third quar-

ter when Hardaway connected on a 29-yard field goal with 9:22 left to play in the quarter.

The J-dogs scored on their longest sustained drive of the night on the ensuing possession. Johnstown went 34 yards on six plays. The drive was capped by Coleman's second score of the night. He ran in from one yard out with 6:20 left in the quarter. The PAT missed leaving the score 25-13.

The Mississippi defense added a safety with 9:28 left in the half when Johnstown was called for holding in the end-zone making the score 8-7. The safety gave Mississippi a lead that they would not relinquish.

Kenny Causey added a 45-yard touchdown on a pass from Stu Rayborn with 3:59 left to play in the first half. Hardaway added the PAT for a 15-7 lead.

Antoin Flowers added a 58-yard touchdown return on a Johnstown missed field goal with 1:32 left in the first half.

Mississippi would score one more time on an 11-yard field goal by Hardaway with :36 left

in the game.

Johnstown sandwiched Hardaway's field goal with two scores of their own. Tyson Cook scored on a six-yard pass from Justin Myers with 1:48 left. Johnstown added a two-point conversion after the score. The final J-dogs score came with :12 left to play in the game.

Coleman scored his third touch-

down of the night from six yards out.

The two-point conversion

failed making the final score.

The win before 2,502 fans upped the Fire Dogs record to 14-1. On Saturday, July 28, the Fire Dogs will host the Ohio Valley Greyhounds in the second round of the playoffs. Kickoff is set for 7pm in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. If the Fire Dogs win on July 28 they will host the NIFL Championship Game on Saturday, August 4 in the Mississippi Coast Coliseum. For more information on tickets please call 228-388-1876.



Little Darlings

The Harrison-Hancock American Team won the District 9 Darling Pitching Machine Girls 7-8 year-olds Championship. Team members include, front from left: Kristen McGuire, Kayla Johnston, Meghan Bourgeois, Morgan Ladner, Kaylie Seller, Rene Lee; middle row, Brittany Graham, Meagan Fairley, Maegan Reynolds, Jordan Hoda, Heather Hester and Felicia Ladner. Coaches include Casey Hoda, Mona Reynolds, Tom Reynolds and Chellie McGuire.

Softball banquet set

The Dixie Youth Girls Softball League will have its award banquet Sunday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center on Longfellow Road in Bay St. Louis.

All girls must bring their pants, and all girls who went to district tournaments need to bring their medals and wear their uniform shirts. Coaches also need to turn in all equipment if they haven't done so.

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Local artist receives Mississippi Arts fellowship

Artist Joseph Anthony Pearson of Waveland has been awarded a \$5,000 fellowship from the Mississippi Arts Commission, said Betsy Bradley, executive director.

Pearson was the recipient of the prestigious Pollock-Krasner Foundation of New York grant in international competition in 1998.

His work is featured in the book *Art in Mississippi 1720-1980* which is marketed internationally. Pearson was commissioned by the White House Historical Association to represent the state of Mississippi on the White House calendar year 2001 in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the White House.

The fellowship, a portion of the \$1.7 million in grants the commission will award in 2001-2002, will be used to "create a body of work that will use the female form to express spiritual attributes such as determination, serenity, dignity and the intrinsic beauty of mankind inherent in all humanity. The physical form and nurturing makeup of the female seems the best vehicle for expressing these qualities," said Pearson. "This body of work will consist of a series of paintings in oil and



Waveland artist Joseph Pearson, second from right, at a recent showing of his work.

limited edition monotype prints."

The grants are made possible by the continued funding from the Mississippi State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts. Bradley said \$1.35 million in grants was awarded July 1; the remainder will be distributed during the fiscal year.

"Without a doubt, high quality arts programs, organizations, and individual artists enhance

serving at-risk youths are vital to their children's lives and education, as well as their area's economic development."

The Commission is a state agency that serves more than 1.7 million Mississippians through grants supporting programs to enhance Mississippi communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage.

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Bay Theatre presents 'Twelfth Night'

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre presents the Summer Youth Programs' presentation of a jazz-age version of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night or What You Will".

The play will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, July 27 and Saturday, July 28. Twelfth Night is a comedy about these twins, a brother and a sister, shipwrecked on the same island, though on different parts of the island.

One thinks the other one is dead, so the sister has to disguise herself as a boy for her own protection. In doing so, she has taken on the identity of her "dear lost brother."

Throughout her journey, she

runs into a menagerie of colorful characters on the island from a lovelorn duke down to a lady in mourning, who falls in love with the outward appearance of the young "gentleman."

"It is a 'hilarious' story about mistaken identity with a surprising end. In this version, the setting is during the jazz age, so there will be a variety of 1920's-1930's jazz playing throughout the performance.

At the beginning of the evening, the children, ranging in age from 5 to 10 years old, will be presenting three excerpts of various Shakespearean plays.

Then the youths, ages 10 to 18 years old, will present their version of "Twelfth Night."

The Summer Children's Workshop was created by and under the instruction of Jay Coker. Arthur Bailey served as

assistant instructor and publicist.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre is located on 301 Boardman Ave. (off Dunbar). Ticket price is \$7.

Young thespians hit the boards at BSLLT

Youngsters from the Bay St. Louis-Waveland area will perform in Bay St. Louis Little Theatre's Youth Program at the BSLLT Playhouse on Boardman Avenue Friday and Saturday.

The youths, ranging in age from 6 to 18 will present excerpts from four of William Shakespeare's plays.

Carlos Barona will appear as Hamlet, with Noah Anderson playing Horatio. From "Julius Caesar," Olivia Irving will play Cassius, and Samantha Irving will play Brutus. Sarah

Oberon in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The cast for "Twelfth Night" (set in the jazz age with 1920s and 1930s music) includes Samantha Gregory as Olivia, Cali Hayes as Viola; Micah Elkins as Sebastian, Bernadette deRussy as the clown, Hannah Anderson as Maria, Jonathan Irving as Sir Andrew Aguecheek, Dennis Barter as Malvolio, Heather Zimek as Fabian, Ryan Irving as the sea captain, Noah Anderson as the priest and Dontrell Morrow as Antonio.

Director for the youth program was Jay Coker. Arthur Bailey served as assistant director. Ashley Caro is student stage manager.

Tickets are \$7. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

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